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## Importer Quizzed On Machine-Guns

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WASHINGTON, March 27—Acting on the premise that California is a "prime center" of foreign weapons imports, a Senate subcommittee yesterday questioned Haywood "Hy" Hunter, Los Angeles gun dealer, about machine-guns imported from Singapore.

After first declining to answer on grounds of possible self-incrimination, Mr. Hunter said that his company, The American Weapons Corp., had imported Singapore weapons, including 24 machine-guns.

Appearing before the subcommittee investigating domestic sales of foreign-made surplus military weapons imported into the United States, Mr. Hunter said he no longer had a place of business in Los Angeles.

### DODD CHARGE

His business now, he said, is done in Hamburg, Germany. The subcommittee chairman, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D.-Conn.), accused him of having sent his records to Hamburg to keep them out of the investigators' hands.

At the opening of the hearing, Sen. Dodd said that previous investigation by his group—the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delin-

quency—"highlighted the need for further Federal legislation to regulate the interstate traffic in firearms.

"Our investigations," he said, "have documented the fact that a prime center for foreign imports is located in California."

### CITES RATE

Mr. Hunter has been accused of shipping weapons valued at \$69,000 and of importing machine-guns as scrap. He told the subcommittee, however, that he had brought weapons into the country under license and labeled as scrap only to obtain a lower shipping rate. He was "greatly shocked," he said, to discover that 24 weapons listed as Baretta carbines had turned out to be Baretta machine-guns.

He said his sales in 1963 had totaled about \$600,000, of which only about five per cent represented mail order sales.

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